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1. DEPARTMENT PROVIDED BRIEFING, APRIL 7, FOR ALF JONSSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO J.O. KRAG, HEAD OF EC WASHINGTON DELEGATION, IN PREPARATION FOR SOAMES' VISIT TO PRC IN EARLY MAY.

2. OSCAR ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR OF EA/PRCM, DISCUSSED (A) STANDARD PATTERN FOR SUCH VISITS, (B) BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON OFFICIALS LIKELY TO MEET WITH SIR CHRISTOPHER, (C) STATUS
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OF US-CHINESE RELATIONS, AND (D) EVALUATION OF SUCH SPECIAL

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TOPICS AS PRC SUCCESSION QUESTION, POTENTIAL CHANGES IN TAIWAN POLICY, PROPOSED FORD TRIP TO PRC, AND CHINESE RELATIONS WITH KOREA AND JAPAN. DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ELABORATION ON ANY OR ALL OF ABOVE TO USEC, AS NEEDED.

3. WASHINGTON DELEGATION REP WAS NOT ABLE TO SHED MORE LIGHT ON WHAT SOAMES HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH IN PEKING. HE WILL, HOWEVER, INFORM DEPARTMENT IF AND WHEN HE LEARNS MORE.

4. WE CONCLUDED BRIEFING BY NOTING THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SOAMES TRYING TO DRAW OUT HIS HOSTS ON PRC POSITION VIS-A-VIS SUCH GLOBAL ISSUES AS FOOD, ENERGY, POPULATION AND DISARMAMENT AND THAT WE WOULD VALUE ANY FEEDBACK EC COULD PROVIDE FROM TRIP. USEC MIGHT SECOND THESE REQUESTS WITH COMMISSION. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION MISSION MAY GLEAN BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER SOAMES TRIP. KISSINGER

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